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SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA PORT MANAGEMENT

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1. DURING CONVERSATION 19 MAY WITH MARITIME MINISTRY FIRST UNDERSECRETARY, MAHMOUD EL SAMAK, I NOTED VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA ON PREVIOUS DAY BY ABDEL FATTAH ABDALLAH, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND MARITIME TRANSPORT, AND ASKED HOW IT WENT. HE MADE NONCOMMITAL ANSWER INDICATING GENERAL SATISFACTION. I WENT ON TO EXPRESS VIEW GENERALLY HELD BY LOCAL "PORT WATCHERS" THAT MILD WINTER AND SEEMINGLY SERIOUS EFFORT BY PORT AUTHORITIES HAD HAD NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON CLEANING UP STORAGE AREAS AND IMPOSING BETTER TRAFFIC DISCIPLINE, BOTH OF WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE IMPROVED CARGO HANDLING.

2. BRIEFLY ACKNOWLEDGING THIS, SAMAK THEN LAUNCHED INTO ODD LITTLE OUTBURST. MAJOR PORTS AROUND THE WORLD, HE SAID, HAVE BASICALLY SIMILAR PROBLEMS. OVER THE YEARS A BODY OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE HAS GROWN UP THAT IS AVAILABLE TO PORT MANAGEMENT
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EXECUTIVES. THE TROUBLE IN EGYPT, HE WENT ON, IS THAT EACH NEW PORT DIRECTOR REFUSES TO READ THESE BOOKS, EXAMINE OTHERS' EXPERIENCE -- EACH SETS OUT TO DO THINGS HIS OWN WAY, USUALLY MAKING A MESS OF IT.

3. IN CONTEXT I COULD ONLY TAKE IT THAT THE MINISTER HAD BEEN LESS THAN HAPPY WITH CURRENT PORT MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. IT WAS THEN

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I QUERIED AND HAD CONFIRMED RUMOR THAT PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR
GENERAL YOUNES OMAR WILL RETIRE 25 MAY (REFTEL).
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